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Harriman et al. )  
Serial No.: 10/040,605 )  
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For: Communicating Transaction Types Between )  
Agents in a Computer System Using Packet )  
Headers Including Format and Type Fields )  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the following preliminary amendments.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

On page 1, at line 4 before "Field of the Invention", please insert the following:

--Reference is made to the commonly assigned co-pending patent applications Serial No. 10/041,028, entitled "Communicating Transaction Types Between Agents in a Computer System Using Packet Headers